

Application No. 10/017,200  
Docket No. 15436.247.38.1  
Reply to Office Action mailed November 14, 2004

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is presented in response to the Office Action. By this paper, claim 47 is cancelled. Claims 1-46 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the aforementioned cancellation and the following remarks. For the convenience and reference of the Examiner, the remarks of the Applicant are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

#### **I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the indication of the Examiner that claims 1-46 are allowed.

#### **II. Rejection of Claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The Examiner has rejected claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,349,106 to Coldren, in view of US 6,249,373 to Woodward. Applicant disagrees with the contention of the Examiner but has cancelled claim 47 herein in order to advance allowance of this case. Applicant accordingly submits that the rejection of claim 47 is thereby rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

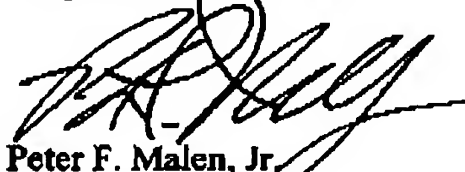
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### CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendment submitted herein, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims 1-46 is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejections is requested and allowance of those claims is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2005.

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